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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) A cleaning tool comprising:

- a. an elongated handle; and
- b. a cleaning head comprising:
 - i. a flexible fitment having a bottom surface, said fitment including a base and an integral engagement member adapted to removably engage the handle, the engagement member extending from and substantially perpendicular to an upper surface of the base;
 - ii. a sponge having top and bottom surfaces, the sponge top surface being secured to the fitment bottom surface; and
 - iii. a scrim having top and bottom surfaces, the scrim top surface being secured to the sponge bottom surface, the scrim including a dispersible cleaning composition;
 - iv. the handle being coupled to the engagement member such that an axis of the engagement member and the longitudinal axis of the handle are generally aligned and wherein this alignment of the two axes is fixed during use of the cleaning tool, the cleaning head further being adapted to angularly articulate in the range of at least 25° - 35° relative to said handle without a substantial reduction in surface contact between said scrim and the surface being cleaned; and
 - v. the cleaning head being adapted to rotationally articulate relative to the handle about an axis coincident with the engagement member and handle axis.

33. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 32, wherein the scrim includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of cellulose, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester and polyamide.

34. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 32, wherein the scrim comprises substantially non-woven fibers.

35. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 32, wherein the scrim has a thickness in the range of approximately 0.5– 1.0 in.

36. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 32, wherein the scrim has a tensile strength in the range of approximately 2.0 – 20 lb/in².

37. (Currently Amended) The cleaning tool of Claim 32, wherein ~~the head includes a cleaning composition,~~ the cleaning composition ~~being~~ is dispersible in water.
38. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 37, wherein the cleaning head has less than a 50% increase in resistive force between the scrim and the surface to be cleaned during dispersion of the cleaning composition.
39. (Currently Amended) A cleaning tool comprising:
- a. an elongated handle; and
 - b. a cleaning head comprising:
 - i. a flexible fitment having a bottom surface, said fitment including a base and an integral engagement member adapted to removably engage the handle, the engagement member extending from and substantially perpendicular to an upper surface of the base; and
 - ii. a scrim having top and bottom surfaces, the scrim top surface being secured to the ~~sponge~~ fitment bottom surface, the scrim including a dispersible cleaning composition;
 - iv. the handle being coupled to the engagement member such that an axis of the engagement member and the longitudinal axis of the handle are generally aligned and wherein this alignment of the two axes is fixed during use of the cleaning tool, the cleaning head further being adapted to angularly articulate in the range of at least 25° - 35° relative to said handle without a substantial reduction in surface contact between said scrim and the surface being cleaned; and
 - v. the cleaning head being adapted to rotationally articulate relative to the handle about an axis coincident with the engagement member and handle axis.
40. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 39, wherein the scrim includes at least one material selected from the group consisting of cellulose, polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester and polyamide.
41. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 39, wherein the scrim comprises substantially non-woven fibers.
42. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 39, wherein the scrim has a thickness in the range of approximately 0.5– 1.0 in.

43. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 39, wherein the scrim has a tensile strength in the range of approximately 2.0 – 20 lb/in².
44. (Currently Amended) The cleaning tool of Claim 39, wherein ~~the head includes a cleaning composition,~~ the cleaning composition ~~being~~ is dispersible in water.
45. (Presently Presented) The cleaning tool of Claim 44, wherein the cleaning head has less than a 50% increase in resistive force between the scrim and the surface to be cleaned during dispersion of the cleaning composition.
46. (Currently Amended) A cleaning tool comprising:
- a. an elongated handle; and
 - b. a cleaning head comprising:
 - i. a flexible fitment having a bottom surface, said fitment including a base and an integral engagement member adapted to removably engage the handle, the engagement member extending from and substantially perpendicular to an upper surface of the base;
 - ii. a sponge having top and bottom surfaces, the sponge top surface being secured to the fitment bottom surface;
 - iv. the handle being coupled to the engagement member such that an axis of the engagement member and the longitudinal axis of the handle are generally aligned and wherein this alignment of the two axes is fixed during use of the cleaning tool, the cleaning head further being adapted to angularly articulate in the range of at least 25° - 35° relative to said handle without a substantial reduction in surface contact between said scrim and the surface being cleaned; and
 - v. the cleaning head being adapted to rotationally articulate relative to the handle about an axis coincident with the engagement member and handle axis.
47. (Cancelled)
48. (Cancelled)
49. (Currently Amended) The cleaning tool of Claim 46, wherein the ~~serim~~ sponge has a thickness in the range of approximately 0.5– 1.0 in.

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50. (Currently Amended) The cleaning tool of Claim 46, wherein the serim sponge has a ~~tensile strength in the range of approximately 2.0—20 lb/in²~~ stiffness in the range of approximately 10-60 lb/50 in².
51. (Currently Amended) The cleaning tool of Claim 46, wherein the head includes a water-dispersible cleaning composition, ~~the cleaning composition being dispersible in water.~~
52. (Currently Amended) The cleaning tool of Claim 51, wherein the cleaning head has less than a 50% increase in resistive force between the serim sponge and the surface to be cleaned during dispersion of the cleaning composition.